

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 939

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 1, 2008, as "Tennessee Day of Prayer."

WHEREAS, May 1, 2008, is our National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, the religious freedom guaranteed us by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the diversity of faiths practiced in America have made our land a beacon for people who seek freedom to worship according to their conscience; and

WHEREAS, Americans of every race, background, and creed come together in their churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and homes to pray or mediate for guidance, wisdom and courage; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee are a diverse people, with a remarkable variety of cultures and religious traditions that blend into one State; and

WHEREAS, just as we rely on prayer for courage, hope, and renewal in our private lives, we also turn to prayer in times of joy, crises, and tragedy in our public life as a State and as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, Congress has called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing annually a "National Day of Prayer"; and

WHEREAS, at this time in our history, we are especially mindful of the heroic men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially those serving abroad, and we pray for their safety, for the recovery of the wounded, and for the ultimate peace; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper, then, that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity of our State and Nation and to pray for the continued guidance and comfort that God has graciously bestowed upon us; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 1, 2008, as "Tennessee Day of Prayer" and encourage all residents to pray and give thanks for the rich blessing of our State and our Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.